



## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

### TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the Father Kenneth Burns c.s.c. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Moody.

#### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Trustee Moody.

2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Moody noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody	✓			
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Luca DiPietro	✓			
Sydney Yott	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**Camillo Cipriano**, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED**

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustees Huibers, Fera and Moody with Item F4.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are teachers, or employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2021**

Moved by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2021, as amended.

**CARRIED**

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 23, 2021**

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 23, 2021, as presented.

6.2 **Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities**

Presented for information.

6.3 **Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Presented for information.

6.4 **In Camera Items F1 and F3**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole adopt consent agenda items.

**CARRIED**

## **B. PRESENTATIONS**

## **C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities 2020-2021 Update**

Director Cipriano presented the Committee of the Whole System Priorities 2020-2021 Update.

Director Cipriano and members of senior staff answered questions of Trustees.

### **2. Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools Family/Student and Educator Feedback 2020-2021**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education provided background information on Niagara Catholic Virtual Schools and introduced Christine Battagli, Consultant-Research, Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

Ms. Battagli presented the Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools Family/Student and Educator Feedback 2020-2021 report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells and Ms. Battagli answered questions of Trustees.

### **3. Monthly Updates**

#### **3.1 Student Trustees' Update**

Luca DiPietro and Sydney Yott, Student Trustees, presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

#### **3.2 Senior Staff Good News Update**

Senior Staff highlights included:

##### **Superintendent Kinney**

- Niagara Catholic District School Board was invited by the Ministry of Education to apply for funding to cover Math AQ Courses and have 17 participants engaged in the Math Primary/Junior Part 1 course being taught by our very own Laura Cronshaw.

##### **Superintendent Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**

- Bromac Construction has transformed the former library information centre into three new classrooms for grade one students at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School for the new consolidated Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Elementary School in Thorold. Since the return to in-person learning on February 8, 2021, construction has continued with the foundation for the new kindergarten classrooms, front foyer, main office and chapel.
- On February 24, and 25, students participated in a vote and selected “Guardians” as the mascot. The new school colours will be “blue and yellow” with blue from Monsignor Clancy CES and yellow from St. Charles CES. The students from kindergarten to grade eight have been active participants for setting the new traditions, images and character for Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic School. The new mascot image and logo will be announced after Easter.

**Director Cipriano**

- Due to COVID-19 the Niagara Catholic District School Board Chaplaincy Leaders have been running K-8 retreats virtually. Although this has been a challenge for some of our students and staff, the unintended benefit is that those students that are hospitalized have been able to take part in these virtual retreats for the first time ever. The parents of these children have reached out to our Chaplains to thank them for allowing their child to take part with their classmates.

**Superintendent Vetrone**

- Through our strong relationship with the Regions Public Health Department, Niagara Catholic District School Board has been able to put forth a recommendation to the COVID Distribution Committee that specifically identified front line staff associated with the care of children with special needs in our school and those that are at greater risk. The committee has accepted these recommendations and are now allowing special education staff to qualify within the health care worker phase of vaccinations.

**D. INFORMATION**

**1. Trustee Information**

Nil

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

- 1.1 Discussion took place to defer the April Committee of the Whole meeting to the April Board meeting in order to accommodate the revised spring break.

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole move into the In Camera Session.

**CARRIED**

The Committee of the Whole moved into the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

**G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 9, 2021.

**CARRIED**

## **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES INCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section A: Student Trustees Included) held on February 9, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

## **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - In Camera Session (Section B: Student Trustees Excluded) held on February 9, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F3)**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the March 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 9, 2021.**

Approved on **April 13, 2021.**

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Daniel Moody  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer